

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 89-93 are allowed and that claims 4, 8-11, 59 and 63-66 would be allowable if written in independent form.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 12-13, 34-35, 55-58, 60-62 and 67-68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Molnar et al. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 34 and 56 to note that the partial compression as claimed employs at least two color designations for a same tile to compress data for the tile. (See for example, Specification pages 15-17 and elsewhere). In contrast, Molnar refers to an option where a reduction can be performed on a subset of tiles, but the cited portion actually refers to using a smaller tile and applying the same full reduction technique described elsewhere in Molnar. As such, the subset is still either fully compressed or not compressed. There is no partial compression of any information that can be found in Molnar in the cited portion that employs two color designations for a same tile to facilitate data compression for the tile. Since the Molnar does not teach the claimed subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims add additional novel and non-obvious subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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